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Eastern Afognak Island Elk Registration Hunt Closes

The last day for elk hunting on eastern Afognak Island will be Monday, November 7, 2005. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that this year's harvest target will be reached in that area by next week, and any additional harvest could jeopardize the health of the population. The remainder of Afognak and Kodiak will remain open for elk hunting for the duration of the regular season (November 30) or until harvest targets are reached. Maps of the hunt areas are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

This emergency order closes the resident and non-resident hunting season for elk in the portion of registration permit hunt RE755 east of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) on Afognak Island at 11:59 PM, November 7, 2005. The area encompasses the range of the Duck Mountain, Portage Lake, Seal Bay, and Tonki herds. These herds include about 300 elk, and have been relatively stable in recent years. To maintain this stability, ADF&G set a harvest target of 40-45 elk. As of November 4, 2005 the reported harvest was 38 elk.